

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(Case No. 98-385-H)

PATENT

In re Application of: Hauptmann et al.	)	
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Serial No.: 09/899,422	)	Before the Examiner: E. O'Hara
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Filed: July 3, 2001	)	Group Art Unit: 1646
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For: TNF Receptors, TNF Binding	)	
Proteins and DNAs Coding For Them	)	

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED SEPTEMBER 17, 2003**

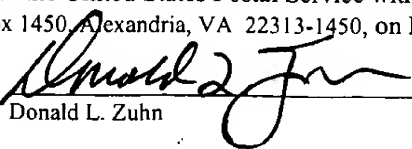
Responsive to the Office Action mailed September 17, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**AMENDMENTS**

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendments. Pursuant to revised 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, Applicants present the amendments to the specification at page 2, marked up to show changes made relative to the immediate prior version of the specification, and a complete listing of the claims, including marked up versions of all currently amended claims, at pages 3-4.

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